

Transition Reimbursement Rate

The Division has developed a proposal to help promote community service expansion to meet the needs of habilitation center consumers requesting community services. First of all the individual's interdisciplinary team must agree the individual could be served successfully in the community and the consumer and guardian support the decision to leave the habilitation center and move into the community.

The Division's proposal includes;

Option #1

- ✓ Establishing a combined rate of \$212 per day which includes habilitation services of approximately \$197 per day and \$15 per day room and board.
- ✓ The rate shall be used to purchase all necessary community services determined by the individual support plan. (Community services include residential services, transportation, day habilitation and other necessary services.)
- ✓ No additional funding will be added to the \$212 per day if providers select the Transition Reimbursement Rate. The rate will be in effect no longer than 18 months. If additional funds are needed the provider must submit detailed information to the Rate Setting Committee see Option #2.
- ✓ The Division will adjust the Transition Reimbursement Rate to reflect actual costs before the 18 month period is exhausted.
- ✓ Providers will be required to submit a Uniform Cost Report to the Division within 18 months of the contract rate setting process. The Division may use the Rate Setting Committee to review information and determine actual rate.
- ✓ The Division shall adjust the service cost to the new rate not to exceed \$212 per day.

Option #2

- ✓ Developing a negotiated rate for all providers not utilizing the Transition Reimbursement Rate.
- ✓ Division will use the Rate Setting Committee process to negotiate rates for consumers moving from the habilitation center into the community.
- ✓ Process will require submission of financial information from providers in a format developed by the Division and consumer specific data provided by the Regional Centers and contract providers. The information will be used to develop a rate recommendation to the Division.
- ✓ Rate Setting Committee will notify in writing contract providers regarding the recommendation made to the Division.
- ✓ Negotiated rates will also require the submission of a Uniform Cost Report to the Division within 18 months of the contract rate setting process.

Other Issues

- ✓ Flexibility to use the \$212 will be offered to community providers to help build additional provider capacity. A provider may use some of the funds to move a group home consumer into another living arrangement more suitable to meet their needs and use the empty bed to meet the needs of a habilitation center resident requesting group home services. The process must not exceed the \$212 per day in total.
- ✓ Consumers moving into existing residential settings that have an established rate will be invoiced to the department at the current residential daily rate plus an additional amount of intensive residential habilitation to produce the \$212 per day rate.
- ✓ Division will develop a process to identify multiple consumers (5-6) that want to move into the community together. To accommodate these moves a contract provider may be required to make some long range financial commitments. Guardians may be able to sign a nonbinding letter of intent for their family member to move into a residential setting in the community that would be available at a later date.
- ✓ Contract providers must be given accurate information about consumers being referred to the community. This information must include behaviors, medical issues, etc. Transition team in St. Louis has developed a document that could be used to provide updated accurate information.
- ✓ The Division will seek the assistance of HUD resources and other non-DMH resources to assist in this new development.
- ✓ Targeted Case Management services will be billable for consumers during the transition of their move into the community. The Division will establish the guidelines and share with all TCM providers.
- ✓ The Division is also in the process of establishing a new Medicaid service code to be used to pay for some allowable start up costs. The Division will provide additional information at a later date on this new service code.
- ✓ Process will be developed to track consumers moving from the habilitation center into the community to show successes and determine if other areas need assistance.